Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(1) Rs. 7,800.

(2) All.

(3) (a) Yes.

(b) and (c). Necessary enquiries were made and it was found that there was no immediate necessity for a Vaidyasala at the place.

(4) (a) Yes.

(b) The reports are placed on the Council Secretary's table.

The improvement of efficiency of the Village Panchayats.

404. **Mr. Poulo Mampilli.**—(a) Will the Government be pleased to state whether it has come to any decision in the matter of improving the efficiency of the Village Panchayats ;

(b) if any decision has been come to, will the Government be pleased to state the nature of the decision ?

Mr. I. Raman Menon.—(a) The question is not clear.

(b) No answer is called for in view of the reply to (a) above.

The extent of reclaimed lands in the first section of the Kunnamkattupati irrigation system.

405. **Mr. A. Eachara Menon.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) the extent of newly reclaimed lands in the first section under the Kunnamkattupati irrigation system for which *Neervara Karar* has been executed ;

(2) the extent for which no *karar* has been executed ;

(3) if they give water to the new reclamation in the first section, when water is distributed there alone, when the water in the river is below 4 inches from the crest of the anicut;

(4) if it was not possible to protect all the settled lands under the Kunnamkattupati anicut system during the recent drought, if water was refused to new reclamations?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—(1) 42·26 acres.

(2) 8·62.

(3) Water is generally distributed according to the quantity available and according to the distribution rules.

(4) No.

Mr. A. Eachara Menon.—Was not the Government bound by contract to give water to settled lands ?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.—Provided there is water.

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